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Vessels Sighted

1 Cruiser unidentified submarine unidentified vessel and miscellaneous smaller vessels in the Port of Odessa.

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2 Unidentified cruiser similar to the ex-GENLIO CESARE; KIROV-class cruiser; five or six unidentified destroyers; four or five escort vessels; and an unidentified submarine in the vicinity of Cape Kherson.

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Subject: USSR - Naval ships sighted at Odessa

1. - [redacted] a cruiser [redacted] was sighted at anchor in the roadstead of Odessa.

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The ship was equipped with radar [redacted]

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2. - [redacted] a small tonnage submarine with no guns on deck and seemingly with no identification number was sighted in the roadstead.

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3. - [redacted] three warships left the port, one of which had a target in tow.

Because of the distance and prevailing fog, these ships could not be identified; most probably these were motor torpedo boats with trellis mast, one smoke stack, and square stern.

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The craft returned to the port during the night.

4. - At the same time, three warships were sighted in the port; two of them had no smoke stacks and were of small tonnage, perhaps destroyers. Poor visibility interfered with noticing further details.

Also were noticed two floating docks with two approximately 12,000 ton oil tankers in them.

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Subject: USSR - The coast of Crimea from Cape Kherson to the Bay of Balaklava

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A. Navigation information and observation

1. Naval ships encountered at sea

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In the stretch between Cape Kherson and the Bay of Balaklava, the movements of the following Soviet naval vessels carrying out maneuvers at about 3-4 miles from the coast were observed:

- One cruiser (or battleship, believed by some members of the crew to be the ex-CESARE).
- One cruiser - believed to belong to the KIROV class
- Five or six destroyers
- Four or five corvettes (escort vessels)
- One submarine, believed to have a 1000 ton displacement, very dark hull, seemingly with no guns on deck, proceeding in the south-easterly direction in the vicinity of the coast. Speed maintained.

At the same time, a large tug towing a barge equipped with large cranes doubled the Cape Kherson and headed south-east. Almost simultaneously, another tug also with floating cranes in tow, was doubling Cape Aitodor heading toward the area of the ship maneuvers.

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